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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 CFR 1.53 is the Design Utility patent application of:

Inventor: Contini et al.
Entitled: Solenoid Plunger Cushioning System For a Washing Machine
 Balancing Fluid Valve

 Customer Number

27238

Enclosed are:

- 32 page(s) of written description, claims and abstract
- 11 sheet(s) of drawings (formal informal)
- Two assignments of the invention
- Executed (original or copy) declaration of the inventor(s)
- A certified copy of a priority document
- Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27)
- Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement w/ 1 for. ref.
- Return Receipt Postcard

CONTINUING APPLICATION (see requisite information below and accompanying preliminary amendment, or Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76):

Continuation Divisional Continuation-In-Part (CIP) of prior application

Copy of declaration of the inventor(s) from a prior application (Continuation/Divisional information completed above)

Prior application information: Examiner: Group Art Unit:

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

ITEM	AS FILED	# EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY	FULL FEE
Basic Fee			<input type="checkbox"/> Utility..... \$385.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Design..... \$170.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utility..... \$770.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Design..... \$340.00
Total Claims	17 - 20 =	0	x \$9 =	x \$18 =
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$43 =	x \$86 =
Multiple Dependent Claims in Proper Form Presented			+ \$145 =	+ \$290 =
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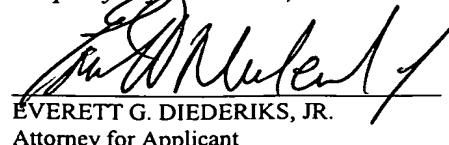
- A check in the amount of \$850.00 to cover the filing fee (and assignment recordation fee, if any) is enclosed.
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